

Appl. No. 09/843,072

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Reply to Office action of January 4, 2007

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of the Claims:

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application. Claims 1-13 and 22-28 are allowed. Claims 14-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the subject matter is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 14 to recite a computer program product stored on a computer readable storage medium. In addition, Examiner asserts that the element of "instructions for generating an authorization decision for the access attempt based on the security policies that govern all entries in the database protecting the system resource" is directed merely to an abstract idea that is not tied to a technological art, environment or machine which results in a practical application producing a concrete, useful and tangible result. Figure 5 shows the application of this operation in the present invention. As described in paragraph [0031], if the search does find entry, then there is a determination of whether that entry's protections allow for the creation of a new symbolic link for that system resource. At this point, there is a call to the decision component of the external authorization engine. The decision will be based on the security rules that govern the particular database entry. These instructions apply rules to a database entry to determine whether or not to authorize the access attempt. This operation can occur on the authorization decision engine (AZN) as indicated in Figure 6.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections and passage to issuance is respectfully requested. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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